

November 29th, 2012

Honorable State Representative:

The Michigan business community, which includes the Michigan Business and Professional Association, the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, SBAM, Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce and the Michigan Manufacturing Association, collectively representing well over 100,000 small businesses statewide, ask for **your support regarding Senate Bill 693 that establishes a state based exchange in Michigan.**

As we brace for the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA), it is important that Michigan not give up control of the future of its health care to the Federal Government. We must act quickly and responsibly to prevent this from happening.

Our groups did not support the formation of PPACA, and lobbied strongly against it. Despite our actions and the final outcome, it is the law of the land. We are moving forward to help our members, the business community, prepare for their future and give them the tools they need.

We believe that Michigan should be granted as much decision making power allowable by the federal healthcare law, which would be to establish a state-based exchange here in Michigan. Michigan business owners need certainty in planning ahead for themselves and their employees. They also want Michigan to maintain as much control over healthcare, and be able to fight for what best services our residents.

The time to act is now. This is the last remaining option we have for Michigan to maintain some control over decisions made in regards to our healthcare. Give our state the resources to garner more control over the law that affects all Michiganders. **Please support and pass Senate Bill 693 and establish a state based exchange in Michigan.**

